

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS HELD ON
THURSDAY, 18TH MARCH, 1982 AT 6:30 P.M.
IN THE CAMPUS CENTRE, LOYOLA CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE: Present were: Mr. P. M. McEntyre, Acting Chairman, Mr. W. E. McLaughlin, Chancellor, Mr. D. Arfin, Mr., M. J. Bourgault, C.M., Dr. R. W. Breen, Dr. M. Brian, Mr. J. Cahayla, Dr. J. S. Daniel, Mr. J. Dinsmore, Dr. M. S. Dubas, S.J., Prof. C. Gabriel-Lacki, Dr. H. Habib, Mrs. N. Leclaire, Prof. G. Martin, Mr. G. Murray, Dr. J. W. O'Brien, Mr. J. J. Pepper, Dr. T. S. Sankar, Rev. A. Graham, S.J. Secretary.

Absent with apologies: Mr. G. T. Fisher, Mr. R. L. Grassby, Mr. R. K. Groome, O.C., Mr. S. Huza, Mrs. B. J. Lande, O.C., Mr. L. I. MacDonald, Mr. D. W. McNaughton, Mr. P. E. Martin, Jr., Mr. M. B. Mulroney.

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED AND ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES

BG-82-2-D13	-	Murray - re Foreign Student Aid.
BG-82-3-D14	-	Code of Conduct: Membership.
BG-82-3-D15	-	Personnel Report to the Board.
BG-82-3-D16	-	Rector - "Relations with King Faisal University".
BG-82-3-D17	-	Breen to O'Brien re Foreign Student Aid.
BG-82-3-D18	-	G. Martin's Statement - March 4, 1982.
BG-82-3-D19	-	Rector's Statement - March 8, 1982.
BG-82-3-D20	-	Breen to Faculty Council - March 5, 1982.
BG-82-3-D21	-	Secretary of State, MacCuigan, to Rector - June 15, 1981.
BG-82-3-D22	-	Newspaper Reports (9) March 1982.
BG-82-3-D23	-	Re-issuance of Bond Certificates.
PC-82-3-D8	-	Breen's Report.
PC-82-3-D8A	-	Breen's Report (Appendix).
PC-82-3-D9	-	Daniel's Report.

OPEN SESSION

1. Acting Chairman's Remarks

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen, the Board agreed that the meeting be chaired by Mr. P. M. McEntyre.

Mr. McEntyre thanked Mr. McNaughton and Schenley Canada Inc. for supplying the wine for our dinner.

2. Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded (Habib, Pepper) and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of 18th February, 1982 be approved.

3. Committee Report

Fund Procurement Committee

Mr. M. Bourgault, Chairman, reported that, although the final amount collected during the 1981-82 drive is \$45,000 less than the \$800,000 objective, it is \$68,000 more than last year's total. Four hundred and ninety-eight (498) contributors responded to our appeal this year compared to 448 last year. The Alumni contributions were substantial and an increase over last year.

4. Rector's Report

Concordia has received a grant of \$2.4 million from the Department of Education. It is particularly significant that this money will be added to the base of our operating grant and the coming years. These will, therefore, be ongoing during funds resulted from the Department of Education dividing a \$5 million contingency fund between UQAM and Concordia. This welcome grant does not, of course, solve our financial problems; it is a small step toward our attaining the provincial average in operating grants. A more meaningful analysis of the impact on budgets will be given at the April meeting of the Board.

5. Report of Vice-Rector Martin

Document BG-82-3-D23, requesting authority to re-issue bond certificates cancelled in error was distributed to the Board. It was moved and seconded (G. Martin, Brian) and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT replacement certificates be issued for Université Concordia Series "A" Bonds - Numbers AM 1012-1013 with Coupons Numbers 12 (3rd May, 1982) to 20 (3rd May, 1986) inclusively, registered in the name of Gilberte Caron.

6. Report of Vice-Rector Breen

Document BG-82-3-DI7 was distributed and is to be considered with document BG-82-3-D13, a letter from Mr. Glen Murray. Dr. Breen outlines in -D17 the government's policy for tuition fees of those holding foreign student visas, reports statistics covering present enrolment of such students, and calculates the cost to Concordia of following various aid procedures. He responds to the several actions suggested by Mr. Glen Murray in his letter and, in conclusion, warns of the rather drastic results of not implementing the government's tuition fee structure for 1982-83.

Mr. Glen Murray thanked Dr. Breen and spoke at length of the moral values involved in aid to foreign students.

The Rector emphasized that there are two points at issue: (1) the advisability of making further representation to the Minister of Education and/or other government officials; and (2) the impact of Board action on our financial situation.

He reiterated that he and Dr. Breen have raised these questions with the government and with the Quebec University Vice-Rectors so often that the impact of further representations might be small. The Board might wish to consider the possibility of a significant gesture being made by a delegation from the Board.

It is clear that Concordia is in a difficult financial situation. The effects of literally refusing to implement the government's tuition norms for foreign students are outlined in Dr. Breen's memorandum (-D17). It is important to recognize that the university grant system is technically complicated and that if the Board were to take inappropriate action all students might suffer substantially.

Dr. Habib addressed the meeting to underline the importance of Mr. Murray's intervention and the significance of student concern at this time. Members of the Board must take a mature attitude toward the serious financial situation of the university, recognize the attitude of government officials toward us, be careful not to be discouraged by the hurdles before us. There might be value in investigating the possibility of Board members seeking out individual members of the Quebec National Assembly and perhaps in having a delegation visit the Federal Minister of External Affairs. Our government spends money in advertising Canada and helping foreign countries; relatively small sums of money, expended to help foreign students, would go a long way to achieving the same ends.

Dr. M. Brian endorsed the suggested ideas and stated that aid to foreign students should have a top priority in university planning. The Rector suggested that the Board must act with acumen if we do not wish to do more harm than good. Anything resembling a holy war against the Government of Quebec would have obvious implications. Government

action will not be rapid and we should not expect to find solutions that would take effect within the time frame of this academic year.

The Acting Chairman suggested that the administration should give serious thought to offering advice at the next Board meeting. It might be possible, for example, to suggest how pressure might be brought to bear, how we might come to meet the sums of money required to aid foreign students as suggested by Dr. Brian.

The Rector stated that, If the Board feels that a committee would be helpful, he would like to suggest setting up a formal committee at this time. Therefore, It was moved and seconded (O'Brien, Brian) and unanimously RESOLVED:

THAT a committee of the Board consisting of Russell Breen, Glen Murray, Henry Habib, John Dinsmore and Brian Mulroney be established to consider the problems surrounding aid to foreign students (as a priority) and formulate practical suggestions to meet immediate problems of foreign student aid.

It was suggested that the Chancellor's advice might be available to the committee.

7. Vice-Rector Martin's Report

Prof. Martin stated that it was his duty to mention that the statement in BG-82-2-D13, paragraph 13 concerning a false statement by the administration is, in fact, incorrect. In question is the Implication of the word "involved". The President of the Iranian Students' Association was, indeed, present on the occasion mentioned; the administration did not state nor imply that he initiated the action.

8. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 15th April, 1982 at 12:00 noon in Room H-762 of the Hall Building, SGW Campus.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Aloysius Graham, S.J.,
Secretary